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VIA US MAIL

Vallejo Police Department
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Re: Internal Affairs Complaint Against Officer David McLaughlin

To Whom It May Concern:

This office, along with the Law Office of Joseph S. May, represents Mr. Santiago Hutchins.

On August 11, 2018, Vallejo Police Department Officer David McLaughlin, who apparently was off duty and not in uniform at the time, drew his firearm and held Mr. Hutchins at gunpoint. This occurred outside of Rocco's Ristorante Pizzeria, located at 2909 Ygnacio Valley Road, in Walnut Creek, CA. Subsequently, while Mr. Hutchins was on the ground, Officer McLaughlin used unreasonable and excessive force upon Mr. Hutchins, inflicting serious injuries. Exerting his authority as a police officer, McLaughlin then caused Mr. Hutchins to be arrested by the Walnut Creek Police Department. The incident is believed to have been logged by the Walnut Creek Police Department under Incident # 18-26344.

Please consider this letter a formal internal affairs complaint regarding the unlawful conduct of Officer McLaughlin described above. We respectfully request that the Vallejo Police Department promptly engage in a formal investigation and take any appropriate actions to address this matter. However, please instruct your IA investigator to refrain from contacting our client, Mr. Hutchins, directly; any communication regarding this matter, in writing, by phone, or otherwise, must be directed to my office, or Mr. May's Office (415.781.333) only.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. In the meantime, your courtesy and cooperation are appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sanjay S. Schmidt', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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